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In re U.S. Patent Application of)
YAMAMURA et al.)
Application Number: To be Assigned)
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For: EVALUATION METHODS OF INTERFERON β)
TREATMENT AGAINST MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS)
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**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119
AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

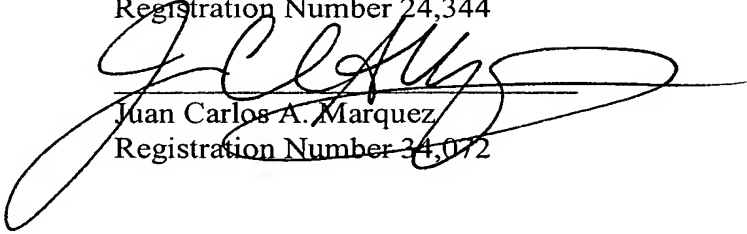
Sir:

In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicants claim the priority date of June 28, 2002, the filing date of the corresponding Japanese patent application 2002-188932.

A certified copy of Japanese patent application 2002-188932, will be submitted as soon as it is received from Applicants. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy is respectfully requested in due course.

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